

Official

MEETING: Board of Directors  
Federal City Performing Arts Assn., Inc.  
The Gay Men's Chorus of Washington DC  
19 October 1987  
Levine School of Music  
7:30 P.M.

PRESENT:

Bergstrom	Lester
Bohn	Padgett
Brayton	Rettenmaier
Cooper	Rosendall
Edens	Starner
Herman	Van Luyn
Hunnicutt	

1. GENERAL:

HERMAN Called meeting to order at 7:40 P.M.  
Reviewed letter from Gay and Lesbian Activist Alliance  
requesting our participation in a reception.  
BOARD Felt it was inappropriate for GMCW to participate, because of our  
501(c)(3) status.

HERMAN Reviewed Don Niehus' letter to Band Directors, and his letter of  
thanks to Herman and Membership of GMCW.

2. MINUTES:

BRAYTON Corrected August minutes: Page 3--not New York Avenue  
Presbyterian Church, but National Presbyterian Church.  
HUNNICUTT Moved to accept corrected minutes of the September meeting.  
**CARRIED**

3. TREASURER'S REPORT:

BOHN Presented the Treasurer's report.  
The auditor is finishing up, and beginning to prepare a report  
of recommendations.  
Our liability for LGBA concert tickets has been paid off; we are  
still due \$110.00 from GMCW members.  
Item #4450 MISC INCOME is a liability; INSURANCE PAYMENT.  
"Expense Year-to-Date" had been presented to division chairmen.  
HUNNICUTT Moved to increase the money allotted for a calculator from  
\$50.00 to \$75.00.  
**CARRIED**  
HUNNICUTT Moved that the 30SEP financial statement be approved as  
amended.  
**CARRIED**  
BOHN Must have receipts to back up bills to the Chorus.  
Stressed the need for accurate records and record-keeping.

4. PRODUCTION:

BRAYTON Presented Executive Producer's Report.  
BRAYTON Moved to accept the invitation from Dignity/Integrity--Richmond,  
for a performance in Richmond on 3DEC88, subject to the  
availability of the Music Director, etc.  
**CARRIED**  
COOPER We should plan our schedules so that we are prepared for all  
performances.  
BRAYTON We are still working on tapes of our concerts.  
Gerald Lewis will do our Spring 1988 concert.  
We have no copies of last December's production.  
The March tape was returned as un-acceptable; it will be re-  
edited; the originals were good.  
HERMAN We will pursue getting a single archival copy of the tape from  
that concert.  
BOARD Discussed securing release from Mme. FORRESTER for June Kennedy  
Center Concert tape.

5. MEMBERSHIP:

STARNER Reported on membership division.  
We had 70 members and guests at the Annie's Dinner.  
\$20.00 was returned/re-donated to GMCW.

STARNER Lead discussion of the problem of absences; there are 16 singers with 3+ absences as of last Saturday's rehearsal  
EDENS Announced imminent meeting of the Membership Committee.  
BOHN Lead discussion of drop-outs who still have music.  
STARNER Reminded that members on leave are billed for dues.  
The Music Division has not decided when the rehearsal period began.

6. FUND RAISING:

HUNNICUTT Reported Fund Raising activities, etc.  
Cap. Club party is scheduled for 2 DEC at the HORSLEY residence -- Potomac Fever will perform; members will be contacted to assist with the party.  
We need to lock-in a place for "Midnight Blue" -- for 2 nites.  
We have looked at the Kennedy Warren and at First Congregational.  
RETtenmaier Believed Kennedy Warren would handle the bar themselves, and not turn that over to GMCW.  
BERGSTROM Is opposed to having this performance in a church or church hall.  
Cookbook is planned for February availability.  
A Spring yard sale will be scheduled.  
BERGSTROM Grants are going OK.  
LESTER We are looking for \$15.K this year.

7. PR AND PUBLICATIONS:

ROSENDALL Advertizing is to be scheduled.  
We will not do a separate mailing for the Holiday Concert.  
We will do some type of hand-out.  
Jerry CARPENTER is new Publications Coordinator.  
Letter-head and envelopes are available.  
Business cards have been printed.  
Press release stationery is to come.  
HERMAN Group sales letter is generally a waste of effort.  
We should concentrate on members selling the concert  
There should be a follow-up to any sales letter.

8. LONG RANGE PLANNING:

COOPER Presented proposals for GALA III.  
Looked to credits to workers on specific fund-raising projects.  
BOARD Discussed costs of the conference and methods of financing it.  
COOPER Will review plans.

9. OTHER BUSINESS:

BOARD Discussed attendance requirements, musical preparedness tests, early departure from rehearsal, and Saturday rehearsals.  
STARNER Attendance requirements will be discussed/reviewed with Section Coordinators.  
PADGETT Consistently missed rehearsals are a real problem.  
We must realize that there is preparation required before the glamor of a performance.  
LESTER Final decisions must rest with the Music Director.  
ROSENDALL It really seems to be an attitude problem.  
BRAYTON Announced that 5DEC will be a Saturday rehearsal.  
HERMAN Will speak with SISSON and emphasize the musical preparedness tests.  
BOHN Moved that the \$10.00 music deposit for new members be made a part of the audition/sign-up process, and that it be due at the first rehearsal of the season.  
CARRIED

HUNNICUTT Moved to have HERMAN contact Mike ZISKIND about the return of the Proclamation which ZISKIND holds, and to authorize up to \$150.00 to reimburse Ziskind for the framing of said Proclamation.  
CARRIED

9. ADJOURNMENT:

RETtenmaier Moved to adjourn.  
CARRIED  
Meeting adjourned 10:30 P.M.

*W.F. Rettenmaier, Jr.*  
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Secretary